Ecological parks in Gujarat

*262. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any ecological parks in the country particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details and main features thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up more ecological parks in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) There is no provision under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Indian Forests Act, 1927 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for establishing "ecologicial parks" in the country. Therefore, no such "ecological park" has been set up by Government in any area including in the State of Gujarat. There is no proposal under consideration of Government to set up "ecological parks" in India.

Newspapers supplied to passengers

*264. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2090 given in Rajya Sabha on 3rd July, 1998 and state the details with names of the newspapers being supplied to the passengers in each Shatabdi and Rajdhani Express trains on all Indian Railways at present?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): Railways supply newspapers to passengers travelling by Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains as a takeaway facility to the passengers. The newspapers are supplied in the morning or evening depending on the train timings and availability of reputed newspapers.

At present newspapers are being supplied to 17 Rajdhani and 14 Shatabdi as compared to 13 Rajdhani and 14 Shatabdi trains during 1998. Statement showing details are given in the enclosed Statement.